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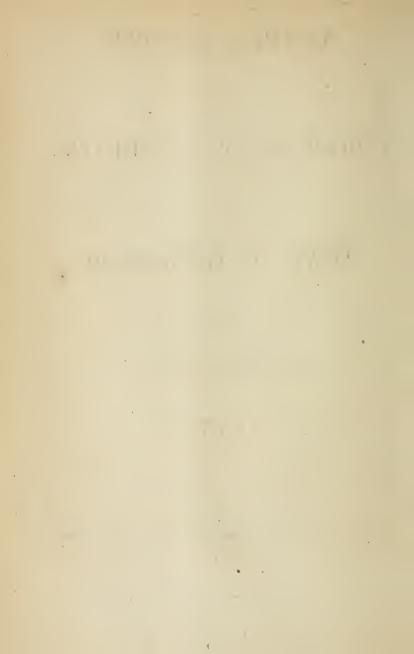
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN CONNELL, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Gilmanton, for the year ending March 1, 1877.

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The bal. in hands of Treas.		For S. Bank Tax,	\$678.57		
March 1, 1876, #	3,009.90	For Literary money,	155.70		
The following am'ts		Rec'd E. Ham	75		
		" Sanbornton,	97.78		
are for money hired:		" of the County,	20.00		
L. E. Page,	100.00		46.74		
S. S. Young,	100.00	1. 1. 1. 1.	130.00		
John P. Clough,	1,025.00		5.00		
A. M. Gilman,	20.00		6.25		
A. Cate,	13.00				
E. J. Page,	15.00		\$8,032.95		
T. S. Dudley,					
J. S. Page,	20,00	Rec'd from the severa	t		
D. E. Edgerley,	175.00	$Collectors.$ \cdot			
R. E. Gale, 2d,	550.00				
H. N. Nelson,	25.00	Rec. Irom J. W. Cogswell, 10			
B. Hussey,	100.00	" " " " " 187	3, 37.23		
C. Varney,	100.00	10/	4, 109.82		
S. S. Nelson	50.00	J. Diowii, 10/3,	39.87		
Mrs. A. Mack,	100.00	10/4,	533.74		
Mrs. O. E. Moulton,	50.00	A. I. Mulisty, 10/	4, 567.28		
A. M. Page,	80.00	191. D. Gale, 10/5,			
F. A. Marsh,	100.00	10/0,	7,093.00		
G. M. Bunker,	20.00	George F. Keney	0		
C. H. Tebbetts.	105.60		5, 842.56		
M. J. Tebbetts,	100.00	G. C. Laisons, 10/0,			
M. A. Lougee,	190.00	" of M. S. Gale, interest,	35·9 7		
J. P. Clough,	255.00		(-		
J. Price,	350.00	\$1	13,006.24		
Rec'd from the State.			21,039.19		
For R. R. Tax,	79.26	φ			
To It. It. I way	19.20				
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TREASURER, CR.

By paid Outstanding Orders and Interest Issued by the Selectmen, prior to March 1, 1877.

H. G. Hall, Est., H. Beck,	24.67 C. K. Lewis, in part, 80.89 M. A. Gilman,	\$9.50 26.62
J. M. Connell, Peter Dudley, in part,	204.58 F. N. Merrill, in part, 10.00 M. C. Hill,	50.00
M. D. Page, " " E. G. Clough,	300.00 S. P. Sanborn, .88 Trustees Gil. Academy,	67.55

N. J. Moore,	\$132.67	M. S. Sanborn,	33.46
C. M. Clay,	339.78	T. W. Hill, two orders,	1,526.25
Trustees Gil. Academy,	50.00	J. R. Mudgett,	110.00
S. Lougee,	10.00	P. Dudley,	10.00
N. J. Moore,	2,00	J. P. Hill,	.50,00
J. D. Nelson,		O. J. Edgerly, in part,	109.36
T. W. Hill,		A. T. Page,	105.10
A. C. Shannon,	509.30	R. E. Gale,	553.21
A. T. Page,	103.10	L. D. Blake,	10.00
S. Lougee,	37.46	S. D. Nutter,	64.05
P. Dudley,		M. Emerson,	96.61
E. P. Thompson,		School Dist. No. 6,	40.34
H. D. Edgerley,	42.06	M. A. Gilman,	66.76
Ai Page,	1 161 87	Ira Gilman,	32.20
C. N. Sargent,	66.65	E. P. Thompson,	133.95
Jona. Young, in part,	50.03	L. T. French,	63.00
P. Dudley,	60.00	H. S. Orange,	40.00
G. E. Gilman,	35,00	F. N. Merrill,	15.00
M. S. Sanborn,	25 00	E. J. Page,	26.64
J. D. Clough,	10.00	A. T. Page,	20.04
M. S. York,	60.05	A. K. Gilman, two orders	
14 16 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11		Ira Shannon,	60.00
	1.00	A. F. Clifford,	
J. P. Sanborn,	100.03	C. Varney,	5.00
L D. Blake,		Religious Societies for 18	101.33
A. M. Gilman,	20,10	Trus ees Gil. Academy,	
G. H. Piper,		Trus ees On. Academy,	1,254.36
C. K. Lewis,	30.00		\$11.266.00
C. G. Littlefield,	100.00		\$11,366.99
C. K. Lewis,	120.00	Paid State Tax,	\$ 6 6 7 0 00
H. G. Hall Estate, in part,			\$1,612.00
M. J. Potter,	10.00	" School House Tax,	2,324.81
C. F. Gilman,	126.63		
T. S. Dudley,	160.64	" I D Durrell C man	1,540.41
G. E. Gilman,	103.65	" J. B. Durrell, S. moi	
J. Averey,	119.35		1875, 44.40
M. I. Copp,	200.92		05 (-
G. W. Swain,	25,95		\$5,711.62
A. M. Page,	129.80		
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PAID CURRENT EXPENSES.

S. G. Noyes, blank book,	
E. A. Hibbard (Adm'r) for printing Reports, 1876	\$2 00
E. P. Nelson, for procuring money in 1875	
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for books and blanks	14 15
J. Ellsworth, for watering trough, 1875 and 1876	
J. W. Page, for lumber and labor on town hall	
N. Wight for care of hall	12.00

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N. Pickering, watering trough 1875-76	\$3	00
E. Mudgett. watering trough, 1876	3	
E. A. Hibbard, fees in Sanbornton case	71	
Thomas Cogswell, for fees in Sanbornton case and J. M.	• 1	0.
	0.0	0.0
Young case	93	
C. E. Marsh, for stationery, printing and postage	4	70
E. Holbrook, for board of Selectmen and horse keeping in		
full to March 1, 1877	14	06
C. G. Conneil, for board of Selectmen and horse keeping		
in full to March 1, 1877	56	52
G. C. Prescott, for watering trough in 1875 & '76		00
C. E. Marsh, for board of Selectmen and Auditors	28	
H. Nelson, blank book and seals		03
		83
THOO THE BUILD FOR TOWN MEETING TO THE TOWN		
A. E. Harvey, printing and posting school notices	1	00
\$	377	89
PAID FOR POOR.		
Mrs. J. M. Jones, support at Asylum	47	70
		10
Wm. A. Dearing, for books for Burnham boy		
A. E. Hovey, " " Downs children		85
H Nelson, for transient pauper		00
J. Brown, for E. Hutchinson, county panper		00
R. M. Gray, medical aid to F. Marsh, county pauper	G	25
State Reform School, for F. N. Page county pauper from		
Oct. 31, 1875 to Jan. 31, 1877	130	00
T.J. Connell, for aid to Geo. H. Farrington, county pauper	14	75
The second secon		
S.	210	74
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ROADS AND BRIDGES.		
D. Elkius, for labor on highway in 1875	3	56
R. L. Flanders, " " 1875	6	80
J. Blake, for damage to wagen in highway	10	00
J. P. Hall, " " horse " "	20	00
A. E. Hovey, for damage to sleigh in highway		50
C. W. J. Peaslee, for damage to sleigh in highway		50
L. B. Allen, for labor on highway	11	

	200
W. Bean, timber for bridge	60*
J. L. Allen, for lumber for bridge	17 46
" " labor on highway	51 15
J. S. Page, for labor on bridge	4 50
M. S. Clough, bridge plank	2 38
L. B. Allen, for labor on highway	9 00
C. A. Osborn. " "	20 00
M S. Clough, guide board	1 50
G. B. Ames, bridge plank	2 97
B. W. Webster, labor on highway.	1 75
E. G. Connell, "bridge	7 15
W. B. French, bridge plank and damage to plow	9 00
E. J. Page, labor on bridge	4 50
G. W. Munsey, labor on highway	4 50
S. T. French, " " "	2.50
G. S. French. " "	250
J. M. Pickering, " "	1 50
J. D. Merrill.	21 25
J. P. Hussey, bridge plank	34 23
O. Folsom, labor on highway & plank	4.08
J. K. Dudley, bridge plank	30 88
C. S. Page, labor on highway	4 75
C. Varney, damage to plow	1.00
L. Jenkins, labor on highway	2 00
H. S. Orauge, bridge plank	2 61
H. E. Marsh, use of tools repairing bridge	1 00
J. W. Rollins, damage to horse	12 00
J. S. Page, for labor on bridge	1 50
M. B. Dockham, for labor on bridges	2 50
W. J. Foss, for labor on highway	5.25
G. B. Ames, for lumber and labor on highway	4 60
R. H. Jones, damage to wagon	2 00
J. C. Riley, rails for bridge	7 00
C. H. Maxfield, bridge plank	1 37
D. Elkins, repairing highway	2 10
E. S. Nelson, bridge plank	5 17
H. E. Marsh, labor ou highway	13 20
J. T. Watson, bridge plauk	1 92
T A Tonne 16	8 96

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Jona. Brown, loss of cow	73
Thomas Grieves, over tax. 1875	3 73
J. R. Sawyer, loss of steer	65
J. Collins, over tax, 1875	2 16
J. S. Moulton, loss of dog	1 00
R. L. Flanders, " " 1873	1 00
J. W. Cogswell, abatement of taxes, 1872	25 15
" " " 1873 " " " 1874	19 75
	35 45
M, S. Gale, " " 1875	69 00
J. McClarey, over tax in 1876	4 70
C. S. Bunker. " " 1875 & 1876	7.83
J. W. Ham, " " 1876	13 42
G. F. Keiley, abatement of taxes, 1875	29 21
E. N. Sanborn, loss of dog, 1876	1 00
A. Prescott, " " "	1 00
L. Jenkins. " " " "	1 00
A. F. Page, for abatement of poll tax in 1874	2 20
E. J. Page, for over tax in 1874	4 40
J. W. Rollins, over tax in 1875	1 00
E. G. Connell, loss of Cow	84
A. P. Muusey, abatement of taxes in 1874	11 64
J. Brown. " " 1873 & 1874	50 09
J. W. Rollins, loss of female dog	2 00
C. S. Buoker, over tax, 1874	7 57
J. D. Merrill, abatement of taxes, 1874 & 1876	12 94
J. Brown, loss of Cow in 1876	80
S. B. Flanders, over tax in 1875	3 72
R. H. Jones. " " 1876	4 70
R. H. Jones, " " 1876	9 20
J. C. Riley, """ "" "" A. R. Price, """ on school house	62
J. P. Elsworth, loss of Cow and Colt	86
R. H. Jones, loss of dog in 1876	1 00
M. S. Gale, abatement of non resident highway tax 1875	52 82
" tax, 1875	48 88
C. H. Maxfield, over tax in 1876	2 35
G. F. Kelley, abatement of taxes in 1875	18 47
J. Ames, for loss of dog, 1876	1 00
	_ 00

W. M. Smith, loss of dog 1876	1 00
A. Burbank, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 00
J. F. Folsom, " " " " " "	1 00
C. G. Sanborn, " " " " "	1 00
(T. C. Parsons, adatement of taker, 1010	8 31
Jos Brown, abatement of taxes in 1874 2	0 10
James W. Cogswell, abatement of taxes in 1873 & 1874, 3	2 53
\$52	8 82
PAID TOWN OFFICERS.	
Auditors for 1876 1	5 00
F I Page constable fees in 1876	1 50
J Colby.	1 50
D. Connell. " " " "	1 50
E.S. Nelson, " " " "	1 50
J. Colby, """ D. Connell, """ E. S. Nelson, """ C. E. Marsh	
A. E. Hovev, for services as S. S. Committee	00
	4 50
A. P. Munsey, collecting taxes in 1874 30	6 51
M S Cale constable fees in 1876	3 00
collecting taxes, 1875	97
" in part, for 187610	00
G. F. Kelley, " and constable fees, 1875 39	74
J. Connell, town treasurer, in full to Murch 13, 1877 78	5 00
	2 00
J. Brown, in part for collecting in 1874 23	2 00
	3 00
George C. Parsons, for collecting taxes in part for 1876. 28	5 00
J. S. Beck, for constable fees in 1875	3 00
J. S. Page, for services in town in full to March 1, 1877, 50	3 00
" " and exp. out of town in full to Mar.	
	95
Henry N. Nelson, for services in town in full to March 1,	
	5 52
Henry N. Nelson, for services out of town in full to Mar.	
	1 25
Rufus E. Gale, for serv. as selectman in town to March	
1. 1877 58	5 00
" out of town to Mch. 1 15	3 00

Expenses out of town.......

\$70	9 94
PAID DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGŚ.	
C. A. Hackett \$12 03 C. Moulton. N. B. Sanborn 8 59 J. T. Griffin. L. C. Grant 3 06 E. Maxfield.	. 8 40 . 6 49
E. P. Hogdon	. 4 58 .24 84 . 1 53
Lewis E. Durrell	. 3 83
	\$98 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer to balance	381 94 657 20
\$21,	039 19

JOHN CONNELL, Treasurer.

JOHN S. PAGE, RUFUS E. GALE, HENRY N. NELSON. Selectmen of Gilmanton.

We the undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly east, properly vouched, and a balance of one thousand six hundred fifty-seven dollars and twenty cents in the hands of the Treasurer.

JOHN W. PAGE, GEORGE W. PARSONS, Auditors.

RECAPULATION.

Amount charged by Selectmen	\$21,366 19
Paid Outstanding orders and interest\$1	1.366 99
" Current Expenses	377 89
" for Poor	210 74
" " Roads and Bridges	377 99
" Abatement of Taxes	528 82
" " Town Officers	709 94
" " Damage to Sheep by Dogs	98 00
" State Tax	1,612 00
" County Tax	2.324 81
" Several School Districts	
" J. B. Durrell, bal. School Order, 1875,	44 40
	\$19 ,381 99
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$1,657 20
 Settled as above. 	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

of their account with the several Collectors, balance of taxes in hands of collectors and due the town March 1, 1877.

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J. W. Cogswell,	Collector,	1872 \$7 (1873 9	05
		1873 9	15
-6 -6 -6	-6	1874 85	24
J. Brown,	w 6	1874 215	74
M. S. Gale	*6	1875 35	88
16 16 66	4.6	1876 1.939	56
G. C. Parsons,	16	1876	92
G. F. Kelley,	56	1875 71	56

\$3,981 10

JOHN S. PAGE, RUFUS E. GALE, HENRY N. NELSON. Selectmen of Gilmanton.

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

To the state of th		0	V	
Bearer.	\$35	85	M. Anna Gilman	
C. Flanders	4.3	00	Sarah Page	31 92
Mary A. Hill	100	00	C. E. Pulcifer	30 93
Mehitable Swett	156	07	R. E. Avery	421 48
Cong. Church, I. W	200	00	M. Weeks	200 00
A. F. Willey	80	70	M. G. Nelson	100 00
Mary A. Gilman, bal			E. Holbrook, 3 orders	246 44
Lydia Bean			E. G. Clough, 2 orders	493 OI
Mary Piper, bal			M. H. Rand	415 42
Eva J Piper	25	00	R. W. Clough	121 01
A. H. Tilton	,044	00	M. W. Clough	121 01
Simon Shaw	537	29	H. B. Kimball2	,505 85
Luther E. Page, 4 orders	1,862	80	M. D. Page, bal	419 50
Mary J. Carr	240	00	A. T. Page, 2 orders	433 12
Daniel Connell, 2 orders1	1,300	00	Mary A. Lougee, 2 orders	314 74
Peter Dudley, 3 orders2	2,196	52	M. J. Potter	340 00
Julia A. Edgerly			A. M. Lamprey	172 80
Joshua W. Ayers				473 43
A. P. Kimball, 2 orders			M. A. Hurd	300 00
J. L. Kimball, 2 orders			H. E. Lougee	50 37
John P. Clough, 4 orders				330 65
C. H. Tebbetts			E. H. Weir	236 42
E. A. Glidden, 4 orders	1 427	00	C. D. Weir	
A. E. Avery	416	00	T. B. Lane	241 94 362 19
C. G. Littlefield, bal	086	r6	S. A. Batchelder	82 93
Ann M. Brackett				
M. O. Merrill	1,505	00	C. Varney	271 10
C. F. Merrill			C. B. Gale	0
I D Proctor a order				187 00
J. D. Proctor, 2 orders	1,045	23	A W Edgarley	480 00
H. G. Hall, Est.,				978 96
D. G. Edgerly			L. A. Hussey	338 27
E. C. Tebbetts			W. N. Swain	225 00
G. H. Piper, bal			O. E. Moulton (2 orders)	103 79
D. L. McDuffee			O. J. Edgerly2	
E. G. Edgerly	021	43	D. E. Edgerley (2 orders)	582 33
P. R. Coffin			F. E. Edgerly	56 58
Mary E. Heath			D. S. Ayers	550 00
Jas. Heath			J. B. and H. S. Goodwin	350 00
B. H. Gilman	_ 69	23	E. Hill	70 00
H. S. Orange			Jona. Young, bal	870 61
S. B. Drew			C. I. Ross.	34 63
J. A. Gilman			M. L. Dow.	74 05
J. H. Drew			A. E. Ayers	528 61
J. R. Mudgett, bal			F. N. Merrill (bal.)	55 37
S. B. F. Mudgett,			W. B. Marsh	279 00
L. D. Blake, bal			E. Marsh	110 00
A. F. Clifford	100	00	W. L. Jenkins	10 00
C. P. Hutchinson	IO	00	H. S. Page	200 00

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A. R. Page . \$239 02 A. Cate . 13 00 C. W. Marsh . 171 55 E. J. Page . 15 00 Ira Shannon . 1,440 00 C. Clay . 66 23 H. D. Edgerly . 110 00 H. N. Nelson . 25 00 N. Hodgdon . 292 54 J. S. Page . 20 00 E. P. Nelson . 544 27 S. S. Nelson . 50 00 M. J. Tebbetts (2 orders) . 518 82 Mrs. A. Mack . 100 00 H. Tebbetts estate . 760 73 M. S. Sanborn . 50 00 M. J. Piper . 352 21 G. M. Bunker . 20 00 D. Conner . 101 55 F. A. Marsh . 100 00 A. B. Parsons . 5 87 A. M. Page . 80 00 J. P. Hill . 1,000 00 Int. on Parsonage Fund . 25 06 J. H. Beck . 5 19 G. S. Young . 2 48 S. C. Beck . 5 19 George W. Gault . 1 03 E. T. Gilman . 143 02 Am't of orders outstanding March 1, 1877 52,202 41 N. Gilman . 556 27 An't of Interest outstanding March 1, 1877 3,363 68 E. Maxfield . 209 73 A. W. Thompson . 100 00 for Parsonage Fund . 417 81 Literary Money . 155 70 Tax on dogs . 128 00 G. S. Young . 100 00 J. Price . 350 00 . \$56,267 6c			
A COMMEN AND MANAGEMENT			
ASSETS OF THE TOWN.			
Balance in hands of Collector,			
\$5,638 30			
Indebtedness over means, March 1, 1877, \$50,629 30			
Due from Government bounties assigned, \$2,080 00			
JOHN S. PAGE, RUFUS E. GALE, HENRY N. NELSON, Gilmanton.			

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast.

JOHN W. PAGE, GEORGE W. PARSONS, Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET.

Indebtedness over means, March 1, 1876.\$ By error in Orders reported outstanding March 1, 1877,	139 18
Interest accrned between March 1, '76, and March 1, '77,	53,615 34 2,628 94-56,244 28
Paid current expenses, Poor Bills Roads and Bridges Abatement of taxes Damage to sheep by dogs Town Officers State Tax County Tax Several School Districts School House Tax J. B. Durrell, bal. of sch. or. '75	\$377 89 210 74 377 99 528 82 98 00 709 94 1612 00 2324 81 1540 41 190 00 44 40—8,015 00 \$64,259 28
${\it Contra}.$	
By and taxes committed to Coll'rs 1876\$ amount Railroad tax	12,660 48 79 25 678 57 155 70 35 97 20 00—13,629 98
Amount of indebtedness March 1, 1876 " March 1, 1877	\$50,629 30 \$53,615 34 50,629 30 \$2,986 04

SCHOOL REPORT.

There have been twenty-six schools in town during the past year under the management and instruction of twenty-five different teachers, five males and twenty-one females. Twenty-one were kept in the summer and five in the winter.

Schools commencing after November first are called winter schools.

Whole number of scholars attending schools during the year, 446. Average attendance 3684, not including District No. 9, which still remains merged into the Academy. Total number of different scholars, 295, boys 155, girls 140. The whole length of summer schools, 193 3-5 weeks. Average length of summer schools, 9 4-24 weeks. The whole length of winter schools, 48 2-5 weeks. Average length of winter schools, 9 3-5 weeks.

Whole number attending to each of the following studies, district No. 9

excepted, as follows:

Reading,	435	United States History,	14
Spelling,	431	Composition,	60
Penmanship,	272	Physiology,	9
Arithmetic,	332	Book-keeping,	10
Algebra,	12	Analysis,	4
Grammar,	87	Natural History,	1
Geography,	149	Latin,	2

The amount raised by the town for school purposes is \$1467.72. Amount of Literary Fund, \$155.70.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, George F. Kelly. Length of school. 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 20½. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 3. Pupils not tardy during the term, 3. Number of days absence, 101. Wages per month, including board, \$24. School order, \$96.07. Taught by Miss Cora A. Emerson, of Pittsfield, an experienced and accomplished teacher. Her school was conducted with excellent order, and with satisfaction to all concerned.

The winter term commenced with high expectations of success under the auspices of the veteran teacher, Mr. John P. Clough, who early in the term

was taken sick, and the school closed for the winter.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Joshua Colby. Length of school, 9 weeks-Whole number of scholars, 27. Average attendance, 22½. Pupils not absent 2 days, 4. Pupils not tardy during the term, 15. Number of days absence, 216. Wages per month, including board, \$33.08. School order, \$85.24.

To say that this school was taught by Mr. John P. Clough is sufficient

commendation and evidence of success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Charles Tebbetts. Length of school, 7 weeks.

Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 11. Pupils not absent one half a day, 6. Pupils not tardy during the term, 7. Number of days absence, 34. Wages per month, including board, \$17. School order, \$73.27. This summer term was taught by Miss Laura A. Ayers, of North Barnstead. It was her first term of teaching, and she closed her school with honor to herself, her pupils showing happy advancement in their stu-

WINTER TERM .- Length of school, 7 2-5 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 10. Pupils not absent one half a day, 1. Pupils not tardy during the term, 5. Number of days absence, 42. Wages per month, including board, \$25. This term was commenced by Mr. E. W. Laighton of Gilmanton, and continued, with some intermission on account of ill health, three weeks, when it was surrendered to the Prudential Committee, who employed Frank T. Collinr, who conducted it through the term. It was his first effort in teaching, and he proved himself adapted to the duties he accepted A good education is by no means all that qualifies one for a good teacher. Other and important requisites were his, of which he availed himself successfully.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, George Sargent. Length of school 6 weeks, Whole number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, 18%. Pupils not absent one half a day during the term, 1. Pupils not tardy during the term, 3. number of days absence 411. Wages per month, including board, \$18.00.

This term was taught by Miss Minnie O. Norris, of Pittsfield, a teacher of considerable experience and good literary attainments. The results of

her labor were highly appreciated. Order, excellent.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 19. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 1. Average attendance, 13. Pupils not tardy during the term, 13. Number of days absence, 181. Wa-ges per month, including board, \$20. School order, \$71.68.

The second term was taught by Miss Alice M. Jones, of Concord, a young lady of good intellectual qualifications and successful in her teachings. The school was unhappily interrupted by scarlet fever and whooping cough among the children, a large majority leaving school before its close, when but five remained in attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Joseph L. Jones. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 20. Average attendance, 17. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 2. Pupils not tardy during the term, 14. Number of days absence 100. Wages per month, including board, \$20.

This school was taught by Miss O. Elnora Sanborn, an excellent teacher with considerable experience. Good order, prompt recitations, and evident

improvement characterised the school.

SECOND TERM.-Length of school, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 23. Average attendance, 181. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 9. Num-Wages per month, including board, \$24. ber of days absence, 109. School order, \$100.93.

This school was taught by Miss Estelle Lyford, of Canterbury, who has had extensive experience in teaching, and as your committee is informed,

gave universal satisfaction to both parents and pupils,

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prindential Committee, Thomas Cogswell. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 11. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 1. Pupils not tardy one-half day, 5. Number of days

absence, 451. Wages per month, including board, 520.

The term was taught by Miss Mary Cogswell burgess, a graduate of Girls' High School, Boston, This district enjoyed the benefit of her services last year and was truly fortunate to secure them again. A teacher of high order, she advanced her pupils in an extroardinary degree, as shown at the examination. In her register she remarks that "her scholars without exception were interested in their studies, dutiful in their behavior, and attendance good, one never absent and two others but once.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school, to weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 94. Pupils not absent one-half a day. 4. Pupils not taidy during the term, 5. Number of days absence, 31. Wages per month, including board, \$25. School order \$77.23. Teacher, George C. Parsons, who, having both tact and talent to teach, did faithful and efficient work, as is ever the fact wherever a district can seeme his services. Mr. Parsons would have been more in his element, had his scholars been older and more advanced in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, S. B. Flanders. Length of school 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, cd. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 1. Pupils not tardy during the term, 2. Number of days absence, 137. Wages per month, including board, \$26. School or-

der, \$38.81.

ONE TERM was taught by S. Wesley True, of Amesbury, Mass., and his first engagement in teaching. The result of his endeavors characterise him as possessed of no ordinary tact for the profession he has chosen. Through all the examination the prompt and correct answers given by his pupils, evidenced the fact of great faithfullness on the part of the teacher, and earnest zeal to excel on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Matthias Weeks. Length of school, 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 151. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 11. Pupils not tardy during the term, 4. Number of days absence, 6. Wages per month, including board, \$10. School order,

\$65.91.

FIRST TERM was taught by Miss Myra F. Page, of Gilmanton, a truly consciencious teacher and scrupulously faithful in the discharge of duty. The children under her charge made handsome and praiseworthy advancement, notwithstanding a little "unpleasantness" occasioned by insubordination in one of her eldest pupils, which demanded and received the attention of your committee, and was amicably and satisfactorily settled. good.

SECOND TERM .- Unable to get the register for the second term of this district in season for printing, I cannot report particulars of this school. Under the instruction of Miss - Morrell, of Belmont, this term of school has been remarkable for improvement. Thoroughly competent to reach, Miss Morrell interested her pupils in their studies, and advanced them wonderfully. The exercises of the closing examination were exceedlugly interesting, especially the recitations of two young gentlemen, who, commencing the study of latin this term, made remarkable proficiency. 1, mg may she teach.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

This school year has been one of continued prosperity and general advancement under the same arrangement with Gilmanton Academy, and the the instruction as the preceding year, William A. Deering, A. B. Precentor, and Miss Alice C. Chapman, Preceptress,

This district, of right, ought to take the lead in scholarship, and show a better degree of advancement than any other school in town, inasmuch as

it enjoys superior advantages in training and culture.

Length of school year, 24 weeks. Total attendance Fall term, 34. Avcrage attendance, 30. Total attendance Winter term, 37. Average attendance, 30. School order, \$217.93. Amount received by the academy for inatruction, \$200 co.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Chauncy D. Grey. Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 3. Average attendance, 12. Number of days absence 135%. Wages per month, including board, \$16, School order, \$49.29.

Phis, a summer term, was taught by Miss Celia J. Gray, of Gilmanton. It was her first term of teaching, and, although qualified for the charge of a larger and more advanced school, she performed her duty faithfully, diswaraging as it was that her school could number but three pupils,

DISTRICT NO 11.

Prudential Committee, Sylvester J. Gale. Length of school, ,11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 92. Pupils not absent one-half day, 2. Number of days absence, 115. scluding board, \$26. School order, \$66.98. Wages per month,

This school of one term, was taught by Miss Ida B. Nute, of Alton. The second term of District No. 12 was also under her charge, and referonce to it will give some idea of the estimation in which she is held as a teacher.) Miss Nute fully sustained the high reputation she has earned for herself in former schools.

The appearance of the school in every particular was of the most satisactory character, especially the exercises upon the blackboard in arithme-

ic and algebra

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee, Joseph B. Durrell. Length of school, 82-5 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 11. not absent 2 days, 1. Pupils not tardy during the term, 11. Number of

days absence. St. Wages per month, including board, \$20.80.

FIRST TERM was taught by Miss Clara F. Bean, of Gilmanton, a graduate at Gilmanton Academy. She labored earnestly for the advancement of her pupils, and not without evident success and results creditable to all concerned.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 4. Pu pils not tardy during the term, 2. Number of days absence 50. School

order, \$116.10.

This term was taught by Miss Ida B. Nute, of Alton, an experienced, accomplished and earnest teacher, and highly appreciated in this district, have ing taught here the summer term of '75. The appearance and improvement of the school was wholly satisfactory to your committee and all inter-Miss Nute informs me that one of her little girls name Ella A. Poor, aged five years, has spelled through the third reader this term, without mispelling a word, certainly a very remarkable fact.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Prudential Committee, R. H. Jones. Length of school, 7 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance 101. Pupils not alsent one-half a day. t. Pupils not tardy during the term, 4. Number of days absence, 401. Wages per month, including board, \$20.

The school was taught by Miss Jennie M. Potter, of Gilmanton. This was her second engagement in this district, evincing how greatly her servi-

ces are appreciated. She admirably sustained her former well merited reputation as a teacher. Good order evident.

SECOND TERM.-Length of school, 7 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 12 22-35. Pupils not absent one-half a day. t. Pupils not tardy during the term, 5. Number of days absence, 37.

Wages per month, including board, \$19. School order, \$68.32.

This school was taught by Miss Cora B. Gale, of Gilmanton, and was her second term of instruction, and most admirably she acquitted herself as a teacher. From her deportment in school, one might readily suppose she had had long experience in this department of duty, so beautifully did her school appear, and such proficiency manifest. Order excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Prudential Committee, John A. Maxfield. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 14. Pupils not absent one-half day, 14. Pupils not tardy during the term, 14. Number of

days absence, o. Wages per month, including board, \$16.

FIRST TERM. - This term was taught by Miss Marie Sanderson, of Gil manton, who displayed good tact in instructing those under her charge. and at the close of the school, evident improvement was noticeable. new feature, for this town, so far as I am acquainted, was introduced by her in school, to wit: Vocal music. It was truly interesting and pleasant, and is regularly practiced in city schools, and it serves, it is believed, as a happy relaxation from study, pleasantly, and berhaps profitably, diverting the mind for a few moments each half-day.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school, 11 weeks. Whole number of school ars, 13. Average attendance, 12 19 55. Pupils not absent one half a day. 1. Pupils not tardy during the term, 8. Number of days absence 36. Wages per month, including board, \$20. School order, \$51.94.

The school was taught by Miss Lena A. Sargent, of Pittsfield, who performed her duties with great energy, promptitude and success. With much experience she managed her school admirably and advanced her scholars to the entire satisfaction of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Prudential Committee, John Adams, Length of school, 11 weeks. Whole number of spinlars, 13. Average attendance, 12 46-55, not absent one-half a day, 2. Pupils not tardy during the term, 9. Number of days absence, 285. Wages per month, including board, \$20.00. Sphool order, \$51 22.

The school taught by Miss Ida B. Sandorn, of Loudon. Mr. Adams was indeed fortunate in securing the services of Miss Sanborn. She has not only merited but receives the universal gratitude of the district for her faithfulness and efficiency in advancing the best interests of her pupils.

Order unexceptionable.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Prudential Committee, Nathan Batchelder. Length of school, 15 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 9 1-6. Pupils not ab-Pupils not tardy during the term, 3. Number of sent one-half a day, 3 days absence, 51. Wages per month, including board, \$16. School order, \$74.91,

This term was taught by Miss Lucy A. Berry, of Barnstead, a young lady of good literary attainments. The term was a long one, with a short vacation intervening after the first six weeks. The closing exercises at the examination gave good evidence of faithful thorough instruction and good advancement in all the classes.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Prudential Committee, Madison C. Lamprey. Length of school 13 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 71. not absent one-half a day, I. Pupils not tardy during the term, 4. Number of days absence, 63. Wages per month, including board, \$24. order, \$60.56.

The school was taught by Miss Susie E, Farrar, of Belmont, a young lady well qualified to teach and entered upon her duties with zeal and determination to deserve the commendation of the district, which, it is well

known she accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Prudential Committee, C. H. Shannon. Length of school, 81 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 46. Average attendance, 35. Pupils not absent one-half a day during the term, 18. Number of days absence, 452.

Wages per month, including board, \$24.

This term was taught by Miss Jennie Edgerly, of Gilmanton. Each visit to this school was of a highly interesting character. Admirably qualified to teach, and with the advantage of ample experience, Miss Edgerly conducted her school to happy and praiseworthy results, with excellent, even military order.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 49. Average attendance, 45½. Pupils not absent one-half a day, 19. Pupils not tardy during the term, 36. Number of days absence, 150. Wages per month, including board, \$41. School order, \$173.83.

Second term, was taught by George W. Dealand, a gentleman of good erudition, most happily adapted to teach a large and well advanced school. Perfectly at home and at ease governing without appearance of restraint the best order prevailed through all the bours of examination. Recitations were of excellent character, exercises on the blackboard given with premptness, dispatch and correctness, indicating the faithfulness and energy of both teacher and pupil. The exhibit of book-keeping was very creditable to those engaged in that department.

REMARKS.

It is especially gratifying to believe that the public schools in the town of Gilmanton, as they have appeared at their several examinations, were never in more satisfied by condition than in the year last past. Nothing, with one slight exception in district No. 8, has occurred to disturb their harmony and prosperity, and without exception they have been conducted by able, and very generally, experienced teachers; while those who for the first time the current year, have, by cheir determined faithfulness and unceasing perseverance merited the gratitude of their several districts and

doubtless enjoy, as they deserve, approving consciences.

In surrendering the position imposed upon me by your suffrages, I am constrained to refer again to the great necessity of more uniformity in text books. Although some slight improvement in this direction is discoverable, the difficulties, hindrances and damage to effectual advancement in schools are still most glaring and objectionable. What think you of a class of nine in arithmetic with seven different text-books? Must not these seven classes occupy disproportionate time and attention to the injury of other studies and scholars? And suppose the same enquiries applicable to geography, grammar, history, &c., as is the case in a greater or less degree, how can a teacher be expected to do duty effectually or with satisfaction either to himself or his pupils, or the community employing him? Such multiplicity of text-books is clearly and grossly wrong, and by all means should be obviated. This matter is well understood and remedied in Boston, New York, and elsewhere, where educational interests are best understood and nurtured. No sufficient reason obtains why parents and guardians in Gilmanton should besitate in such reform, but realize its importance, and the coming year place their schools upon the best possible basis.

What may be the best mode of bringing about uniformity in text-books, the lack of which has for so man y years been a subject of complaint with both committees and teachers, I do not undertake to determine; but would respectfully suggest that at the next school meeting of each district in town, one of the duties specified by warrant shall be the careful and earnest consideration and effective action on this important subject. Thus assembled, resolve that this difficulty, this serious impediment to the better success of your schools shall no longer exist, that you will heartily and effectually copperate with your Superintendent and teachers to effect such reform as will result in the prosperity and glory of every nursery of education within your limits. Your legislators have, years since, had this among other matters of educational interest under consideration, and enacted laws corrective in their intention, of this evil; conferring liberal authority upon your superintendent of schools, in this direction; yet never can he hope to accomplish the end designed in such legislation, without the co-operation of the pat-

rons of the schools.

Great credit is due to the several Prudential Committees for their excel-

lent selection of teachers, yet it is somewhat surprising that the great majority of them seem to consider their whole duty accomplished when they find their selection installed in office. Perhaps it is the fact. Yet they would hardly employ a person in any other capacity, and never observe whether "the laborer is worthy of his hire." It is to be hoped for in the future, that teachers and schools may in a much larger degree enjoy the light of their countenance, thereby encourage their teachers, in the performance

of duty, and the children in their studies,

Your committee takes pleasure in reporting that considerable more attention has been paid to chirography this than was given to it the last year, although by no means has this improvement been so marked as was hoped for and expected. District No. 16 and 17, excel all other districts in this particular, inasmuch as all who should write did write, and are credited with praiseworthy proficiency. Encouragement in this art from parents and guardians is earnestly invited. Cheerfully furnish your children with the necessary means of practice. The importance of this department of instruction, I fear, is not fully estimated. Mr. Edmunds, our late State Superintendent of Public Instruction, says: "Primary scholars should print or write with a pencil or crayon: other pupils should use the pen. Every school should have daily exercises in writing or drawing by every pupil, unless the pupil is receiving private instruction in those branches. The teacher should give his entire attention to the writing or drawing, during the time of the exercises."

It is noteworthy, that citizens and parents have visited their respective schools the past year to greater extent than formerly has been the fact, evidencing that deeper interest obtains with them for their success, as well as more fully to understand the progress of improvement made by their children or charges from time to time. It is believed these visits add much to the interest the teachers feel for their pupils, while it serves to encourage their scholars in their endeavors to perfect themselves for examination sea-

sons.

Your Committee regrets that for several reasons wholly beyond his control, either inclemency of the weather, drifted state of the roads, &c., a few of the schools were not visited the second time, on days appointed for examinations. Nevertheless his report is correct, as in such cases he has utilized information received from reliable sources.

Respectfully submitted by

A. E. HOVEY,

School Committee.





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